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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Control No. 461134
EIC-M-58
8 February 1957

Minutes of Meeting Held in
Room 1121, Temporary M Building
26th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

7 February 1957

PRESENT

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[REDACTED] CIA, Acting Chairman (Vice Chairman)
Colonel Joseph C. Brewer, Department of the Air Force
Colonel Robert M. Brewer, Department of the Army
*Major Harold Brown, Department of the Army
Mr. Gustave Burmeister, Department of Agriculture
Mr. Frank M. Charrette, International Cooperation Administration

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[REDACTED] CIA
Mr. Bennett V. S. Davis, Department of the Navy
Mr. Edward W. Doherty, Department of State
Mr. John W. Easton, Joint Staff
*Mr. Jerome Forrest, International Cooperation Administration
*Mr. Philip Habib, Department of State
Mr. Kingsley W. Hamilton, Department of the Air Force
Dr. Norris G. Kenny, Office of the Secretary of Defense

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* [REDACTED] CIA
Mr. Robert E. Simpson, Department of Commerce
Mr. Robert P. Terrill, Department of State
*Mrs. Doris Whitnack, Department of State

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[REDACTED] EIC, Principal Staff Economist
[REDACTED], EIC, Executive Secretary

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1. The Acting Chairman introduced Robert E. Simpson, the new EIC representative of the Department of Commerce, and Robert P. Terrill, who in the near future will be replacing Edward W. Doherty as the representative of the Department of State.

* Present through discussion of EIC-R14-S2 only.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. The minutes of the EIC meeting of 20 November 1956 were approved.

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3. Discussion

The Acting Chairman presented the draft report covering developments through the four-month period 1 September-31 December 1956. He proposed that future supplements cover six months periods, and the members agreed. The EIC then considered the draft report section by section. The representative of the Joint Staff suggested a reorganization of the Introduction, and several specific insertions or rewordings were proposed by the Acting Chairman and the representative of ACSI.

There were general expressions of commendation for those who had produced the report--particularly in view of other NIE and EIC responsibilities which they had to carry out at the same time. The Chairman of the Working Group expressed her appreciation of the Secretariat's assistance.

4. Action

The EIC approved the report, authorizing the Secretariat to incorporate the various revisions which had been agreed.

PROCEDURE FOR REVIEWING OF EIC SUBCOMMITTEES

5. Discussion

The Acting Chairman outlined the proposed procedure and introduced a large chart summarizing graphically the principal activities of the EIC's substantive subcommittees. He commented on some of the principal points brought out by the chart--particularly the variation in number of meetings held. The Secretariat then pointed out a number of differences among the subcommittees in their approach to various responsibilities. Members joined in an informal discussion of broad aspects of some of the subcommittees' problems.

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6. Action

There was general agreement to proceeding as proposed, beginning at the next meeting with the Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications which has raised certain problems for consideration by the EIC representatives of the IAC agencies.

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7. The Acting Chairman expressed the appreciation of the EIC for the many contributions which Edward W. Doherty has made since the Committee was first organized. Not only had the Department of State been ably represented, but the community as a whole has profited from the initiative, penetrating judgment and sustained effort which Mr. Doherty has consistently brought to bear on economic intelligence matters. Members of the Committee joined in expressions of appreciation and good will, and in the hope that Mr. Doherty would continue to attend EIC meetings prior to his departure from Washington.


Executive Secretary

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